

## House Resolution No. 3229

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are deeply saddened by the news of the recent passing of Edna Mae White Stiggers, of Kansas City, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Edna Mae White was born on August 7, 1921, in Shreveport, Louisiana, the beloved daughter of John and Comer Elizabeth White, one of eight children; and

**Whereas**, Edna Mae White moved to Kansas City with her family when she was three months old, and she later attended Wendell Phillips Elementary School and Lincoln High School (on the hill), with the distinction of being among Lincoln's first graduating class, in 1937; and

**Whereas**, Edna Mae White married the Reverend James Johnson, and that union was blessed with a daughter, Marva, in 1941; and

**Whereas**, during the Second World War, Edna Mae moved to Washington, D.C. to begin her career as a United States civil servant working as a secretary while she attended Howard University, and she later moved to New York City to work for the United States Army Quarter Master General, during which time she met and married George Bowens, a union blessed with two daughters, Linda and Diane; and

**Whereas**, in 1953, Edna Mae moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where she worked at SAC Headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base, and it was at this time that she married Air Force Master Sergeant Dorace Stiggers, in 1960; and

**Whereas**, Edna Mae White Stiggers believed passionately in equality for all, joining many civil rights organizations and marching on the front lines in Kansas City's fight for public accommodations during the 1960s; and

**Whereas**, Edna Mae White Stiggers will be long and well remembered by her daughters, Marva Jefferson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Linda Spence of Kansas City, and Diane Charity of Kansas City; ten grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; loving nieces, nephews, and cousins; her dearest friend, Evangeline Payton; members of the Class of 1937; and countless other devoted and faithful relatives and friends:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere condolences to the family of Edna Mae White Stiggers on this sad occasion; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the family of Edna Mae White Stiggers.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Shalonn "Kiki" Curls  
District No. 41

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3229, adopted May 22, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker